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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
BURKHARD SCHLÜTERMANN
APPLICATION NO: 09/367,361
FILED: AUGUST 11, 1999
FOR: OXACARBAZEPINE FILM-COATED TABLETS

Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: JAMES M

FEE VALUE ACCOUNTABILITY	
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.	
SPEAR	
FEE CODE	VALUE FURNISHED

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of November 5, 2002 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 5, 2003. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: March 5, 2003

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